

## Will You Give Or Receive A Gift This Season?

This article examined the reasons against Christmas as a religious holiday a couple of weeks ago. However, some treat it as a merely secular holiday and exchange gifts and spend time with their family.

If you give a gift this season, what will it be? Will it be a gift of great importance or will it be a mere trinket? It will probably be the latter. Nice gifts are just that: nice. But a gift of great importance is the "*gift of the Holy Ghost*" spoken of in Acts 2:38. That "*gift*" is salvation. Now you do not give this gift, but you can receive it.

Most denominations say that all one has to do to receive this gift is believe and say the "sinners prayer," but this is false and all who believe it will find themselves weighed and wanting on the day of judgment. The Bible says one must believe (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6), repent (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30), confess Jesus as the Son of God (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9-10) and be baptized (John 3:5; Acts 22:16).

If you receive a gift this season, why not "receive" the best gift of all: salvation. This gift is not given by mere faith. Do not fall for that false doctrine! All you need to do is simply follow the commands that are listed above. We give gifts to the ones we love. God is no different. He loves us and gave His Son for our sins (John 3:16; Ephesians 5:2). If we love God, we will reciprocate and follow His commands (John 14:15). Why not secure for yourself the finest gift? Please contact us if you would like to study the Bible further.

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